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1. GRITMA (E40), 7-8 January 1950

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a. Königin Carola Kaserne - Estimated strength, 2,800 men as against a probable capacity of 3,600. Occupants of the barracks, which are located west of the main railroad station and south of the GRINA-LEIPZIG road, are young troops. [] consist of 1,200 armored, 800 artillery, 200 signals, and "400 men wearing black shoulder straps/red piping".

b. Four 76.2 mm AT guns were seen in the yard. No armor was visible, although a local resident stated that sheds held sixty T-34/85's.

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c. Vehicles in the compound

d. Strassburg Kaserne - Occupants appear to be 1,000 armored, 800 artillery, and 300 MPs. Soldiers are all young. The barracks are about 80 percent occupied. Traffic suggests that units are related to those in the Königin Carola Kaserne.

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e. EM were observed training with three 76.2 mm guns, two 57 mm AT guns, three T-34/85's, and one JS-1.

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f. MPs were using vehicles

2. RIESA (E81), 8-12 January 1950

a. Goltz Kaserne - Total strength is 2,200 men, of whom 1,800 are armored troops; "the rest wear black shoulder tabs/red piping".

b. Four JS-1 tanks were in the yard and three T-34/85's entered.

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Tank sheds were closed. Local residents claim that there are about 100 tanks at this installation.

c. Pionier Kaserne - About 1,000 armored and 400 signals troops. A great many officers were observed, the majority wearing artillery insignia.

d. Seven AT guns were observed.

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3. OSCHATZ (E71), 8-12 January 1950

a. The barracks located east of the town and due north of the road to LOENNEWITZ is fully occupied by young troops. Approximately 800 are armored, 1,200 artillery, and 1,000 motorized rifle troops.

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4. LEISNIG (K69), 17 January 1950

a. Barracks are held by about 1,200 armored and 400 artillery troops, all of them young.

b. Twelve T-34/85's were observed, also two 76.2 mm guns, the latter drawn by trucks

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5. DOEBELN (K79), 18 January 1950

Soviet troops departed DOEBELN during November 1949. The barracks on the Käte Kollwitz Platz is occupied by 400 Volkspolizei attending a Kreis police school. *

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* Comment: This is a Category A school of the Hauptverwaltung für Ausbildung, T/O strength being about 1,200 men.

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